

COMPARISON: JESUS AND MUHAMMAD

JESUS	MUHAMMAD
Jesus' name means <i>God is Savior</i> , or <i>Immanuel</i> - meaning, <i>God with us</i> .	Muhammad's name means <i>praised one</i> .
Born about 4B.C. in Bethlehem. Born of the Virgin Mary (Isa. 7:14); had no earthly father (Matt. 1).	His father, Abdullah, died before his birth. His mother, Amina, gave birth to Muhammad in Mecca around 570 A.D.
Raised by His mother and Joseph, His stepfather.	His mother died when he was six. He was raised then by his uncle.
Prophesied by more than 300 scriptures for his first coming, fulfilled them all, including Deut. 18:15.	Muslims believe Muhammad is prophesied as the Comforter and that he is the prophet of Deut. 18:15.
He was skilled and worked as a carpenter in Nazareth like his stepfather.	His father was named Abd Allah after Allah. He started as a shepherd and then became a camel-caravan leader.
Was literate, but wrote no books. He directly commissioned his dedicated followers to write and preach his message.	Was considered illiterate. He believed he received the Qur'an from the angel Gabriel, which is considered a 'miracle.' Others heard Muhammad speak and wrote his sayings down over a period of years.
Attracted multitudes by His teachings about God, affirming the Old Testament. He taught openly to multitudes as one having authority.	Attracted multitudes by his teaching and by the sword, forcefully overthrowing the worship of multiple gods.
He performed miracles and healings freely. He healed all kinds of diseases and delivered people from demons.	The Qur'an is his miracle. He did no miracles of healing or delivering people from demons.
Moved to Capernaum because of rejection by his townspeople, brothers and sisters.	Had to move to Medina because of rejection by his townspeople.
He lived a sinless life and forgave others for their sins.	Prayed often for forgiveness of his sins, as did all the prophets of the Old and New Testaments.
Was never married.	Married to at least 15 wives. One was 6-7 years old and the marriage was consummated when she was 9.
He waged no war; rather He said His kingdom was not of this world so His followers should not fight.	He was a warrior who waged war by fighting or leading in sixty-six battles to spread his message.
Ordered the death of no one but He Himself died in place of the guilty.	Ordered the death of many men and women to promote the message of 'monotheism'.
Established a religion of truth, mercy and love even for His enemies. He invites all to come to Him.	He established a religion by works. Good and evil deeds are weighed by a scale.
Established a relationship with God and a spiritual kingdom not of this world that will last forever with Him as ruler.	Established a religion of God being compassionate and merciful to the obedient but there are no guarantees to anyone.

Arose from the dead the third day just like He predicted, emptying His tomb, and promises to raise everyone else and judge them.	Still lingers in his grave awaiting the Day of Judgment by Jesus.
Jesus is mentioned in the Qur'an 97 times.	Muhammad is mentioned in the Qur'an 25 times.
Old Testament predicts His second coming in more Scriptures than His first coming.	Muhammad had only self-fulfilling prophecy; nothing in the Old Testament predicted his coming.
Multitudes of fundamental Christians are known for their dedication, love, and caring for others. They have built hospitals, fed the poor, and helped to educate people all over the world	Fundamental, dedicated followers of Islam still use force if necessary against non-Muslims in nations where Islam is the religion of that land.
Christ prophesied of the end of the age and what it would be like when He comes again. The Old and New Testament will be fulfilled by His second coming.	There is no teaching in Islam of Muhammad coming back to rule or reign.
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